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I. Background

Seattle's street rights of way are an important public resource. They must safely accommodate multiple modes of travel, offer access around and through the city, provide access to private property, and allow for the delivery of utility services. Temporary construction activities and special events that occur in the right of way impede access. The placement of traffic control devices (e.g., signs, cones, delineators) gives the traveling public advance notice that they are nearing a construction zone. This helps provide for a safer working environment. The traffic control devices are also used to route traffic through or around the work zone as safely and efficiently as possible. Effective traffic control recognizes the priority to accommodate all modes of travel.

Since the 1970's, the City has published a Traffic Control Manual (TCM) for In-Street work to provide guidance in interpreting application of the Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for Seattle's specific urban conditions. The TCM provides an easy-to-read, all encompassing guide for City crews and private contractors on how to keep work zones and the traveling public safe in construction and special event conditions. The TCM considers the access and mobility needs of all users of the street rights-of-way, including pedestrians, non-motorized vehicles, automobiles, transit and freight. Updates include:

- Addition of bike lane closure sketches
- Change of sign codes to match current standards
- Change of sign styles to match current standards
- Update on-line links and procedures
- Update to additional rail transit concerns within ROW, including schedules and signing
- Update to traffic control devices used within the ROW
- Brief description of traffic control for permitted storage containers and dumpsters
- Additional discussion of pedestrian walkway provisions
- Addition of Lunar New Year Holiday Moratorium for construction

II. Authority and Rule

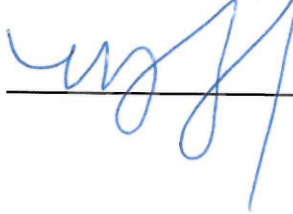
This Rule formally adopts the Traffic Control Manual for In-Street Work consistent with the provisions of Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 11.16.120, which authorizes the Director of Transportation to adopt a Traffic Control Manual for In-Street Work. The Traffic Control Manual (TCM) establishes the City guidelines for the methods and devices to be used for safeguarding and controlling traffic during temporary traffic conditions at and near work in streets, bike paths and trails, pedestrian paths and trails, and in alleys. The provisions of the TCM are consistent with the authority of the City Traffic Engineer to determine the placement of official traffic control devices as may be deemed appropriate to regulate, warn, or guide traffic for construction, detours, emergencies, and special conditions, as provided by SMC 11.16.340. The guidance and requirements set forth in the TCM are intended to be incorporated in all permits granted for work within and use of the right of way. Such permits are issued by the SDOT Street Use Division and the City of Seattle Special Events Committee.

III. Ease of Use and Location

The full text and illustrations of the Traffic Control Manual can be found on the SDOT web site at: <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/trafficcontrolmanual.htm>. The TCM can be downloaded in PDF format, with sketches available in CAD format for use in developing specific traffic control plans.

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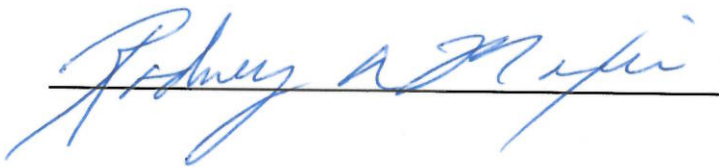
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